

Bremer Pleads Not Guilty On Four Counts in Shooting

Arthur Herman Bremer today pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Baltimore to four-count federal indictment in the shooting of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee, Wis., was under heavy guard at his first appearance in public since the shooting at a Laurel, Md., shopping center May 15. FBI agents used metal detector devices in screening everyone who entered the courtroom.

The short, blond former busboy spoke several times in response to questions by U.S. District Judge Edward S. Northrop during the 15-minute arraignment.

Bremer's attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz, unsuccessfully sought a reduction in the \$200,000 federal bond set for Bremer, arguing that it in effect denied him his constitutional right to bail and detracted from his ability to assist in his defense.

Bremer was charged by a federal grand jury yesterday with violating Wallace's civil rights as a presidential candidate, assaulting him with a .38 revolver, assault on Secret Service agent Nicholas Zarvas, and illegal interstate transportation of the revolver or commission of a felony.

A Prince Georges County grand jury also indicted him

yesterday on 24 counts in the shooting of Wallace and three other persons.

Wearing a black and white double knit jacket, black knit shirt open at the neck, and beige trousers, Bremer turned and nodded to Lipsitz's daughter, Eleanor, 30, also an attorney, before sitting at the defendant's table.

And just before leaving under heavy guard, he walked over to Miss Lipsitz and shook her hand.

In a clear voice, the defendant answered "Arthur Herman Bremer . . . 21" when asked his name and age. He said he had read the indictment and understood the charges and that "I attended some college, one year-plus."

Lipsitz asked Judge Northrop to review the decision earlier today of U.S. Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz denying the defendant's appeal for a reduction of bail, but the judge upheld the magistrate.

Lipsitz, Bremer's court appointed attorney, termed the shooting "simply another assault with a deadly weapon case" and said his client should not be penalized with excessive bail simply because one of the victims "happens to be a politician from Alabama" and because the case received wide news coverage.

But U.S. Attorney George Beall, emphasized it involved

the shooting of a candidate for president and a Secret Service agent. He said Bremer has no family ties and there is "no evidence of any friends or associates who could help him if he were released," Beall argued.

Judge Northrop gave Lipsitz 30 days to file motions after which a trial date would be set.

Bremer left the courtroom surrounded by U.S. marshals and FBI agents, who guarded the combination U.S. District Court and Post Office Building as if it were a fortress.

Goetz in denying reduction of bail earlier today accepted the prosecution's argument that Bremer has no community ties, no money, allegedly had possession of two guns, and had previously been arrested in Milwaukee in connection with firearms possession.

In the Prince Georges indictment, six counts were lodged in the wounding of the Alabama governor, and the same set of 6 counts were brought in the wounding of each of the three others.

Bremer was indicted on one count of attempted murder in all four woundings—a charge that carries a maximum sentence of death in Maryland.

The federal indictment was returned before Judge C. Stanley Blair.

JK Jr. Target Of Kidnapers

ATHENS (UPI)—Greek authorities have announced the arrests of 12 persons, including 8 Greeks in one group and 4 West Germans in another, on charges of plotting to kidnap John F. Kennedy Jr., the 11-year-old son of the late American president.

A 22-page statement issued by police said the two groups also planned to carry out a series of other kidnappings, as well as robberies and bombings.

The four West Germans were identified by authorities as members of the terrorist "20th October Movement," while the other group was comprised entirely of Greeks inspired by ideas of what police called the "New Left."

Police said one of the suspects, identified as Panayotis Kabanias, 45, a literature teacher and economist, told them the groups intended—"if we were well organized"—to kidnap young Kennedy.

"We could have blackmailed her (Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis) for as much money as wanted," police said Kabanias told them.

On Yacht in the Aegean

The former Mrs. John F. Kennedy is wife of Greek shipping magnate and industrialist Aristotle Onassis. Friends said Mrs. Onassis, her children and several friends were cruising in the Aegean Sea aboard the family yacht Christina.

Police said the gangs also planned to kidnap government officials, businessmen and dip-



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John F. Kennedy Jr. is the 11-year-old son of the late American president. He was born Nov. 25, 1960, 17 days after his father won the presidency in an election battle with Richard M. President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, and at his funeral on John Jr.'s third birthday, the youngster touched the hearts of millions when he saluted his father's casket as it passed on the way to the grave.

Since their mother married the shipping millionaire in 1968, John Jr. and his sister Caroline, 14, have been living in Greece and New York. They have made occasional visits to the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass.

The West Germans were identified as Ernest Zorer, 32, of Stuttgart, Werner Robbers, 26, and Jurgen Obermayer, 25, both of Tubingen, and Suzanne Bausinger, 19, of Reutlingen.

The authorities did not define clearly what connections, if any, existed between the two groups.

The "20th October Movement" operates mainly in Germany and France. Five members of the movement were arrested in Greece in October and are still awaiting trial on bombing charges.

The Greeks belonged to an organization which planned to set up "an illegal conspiratorial group on the lines of the extremists in Turkey or the Tupamaros in Latin America," police said. Both of those organizations have frequently used kidnappings as a tool to seek political aims.

The announcement said those arrested would go on trial before military courts.

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In Bremer's Auto

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Prince Georges County police found an automatic pistol in Arthur H. Bremer's car when they searched the vehicle.

Police said yesterday they located the gun when they literally dismantled the 1967 blue Rambler "Rebel" just one day after FBI agents had searched the car and carted off two boxes of its contents.

There was no immediate indication that the gun was connected in any way with the shooting Monday of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three others. Bremer, 21, is being held in lieu of \$200,000 bond in the shooting.

A .38-calibre handgun was taken from Bremer at the time of his arrest at the shooting scene in Laurel, authorities said, and it was determined that this gun was registered to him in Wisconsin.

In an inventory of property taken under a search warrant issued in Prince Georges County Circuit Court, police yesterday reported they had found "One blue steel Browning 9mm Automatic Pistol with wood stock and clip of ammunition, Serial 71C29469."

There was no word on whether this weapon had been traced to Bremer, and officials refused to say even where it was found in the car. County and federal officials announced jointly that they would make no further comments in the case.

One source said, however, that the gun was located down in a side panel of the vehicle which only could have been reached by taking apart the car.

The gun probably will be sent to the FBI crime laboratory by the county for analysis. Law enforcement officials have been working overtime in an effort to collect every possible shred of evidence in the case.

There were, meantime, more reports of Bremer's possible activities prior to last Monday's shooting:

- The manager of a Landover, Md., shopping center has identified Bremer as having attended a Wallace rally there on May 11, four days before he is accused of shooting.

Frank Geraci, who runs the Capital Plaza shopping center at 6200 Annapolis Road, said he identified Bremer yesterday from a photograph of part of the crowd at the rally, the first one held in the Washington area by Wallace in his Maryland primary campaign.

"I'm sure it is Bremer," he said, "and I had about seven or eight other people look at the photograph and they all agree with me."

Geraci notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service of his discovery yesterday afternoon. Agents came to the shopping center and seized the Bremer photograph and dozens of others taken during the May 11 rally.

If the identification of Bremer from the photograph is accurate, it strengthens the theory — one that investigators apparently are giving much credence — that Bremer stalked Wallace for days before the shooting.

The 21-year-old Milwaukee man previously had been identified as having attended six pro-Wallace functions in three states, including a rally in Wheaton a few hours before the shooting.

Geraci said that two photographers circulated through the crowd at the Capital Plaza shopping center. "I ordered the photographers for promotional purposes," said Geraci.

After Wallace was shot on Monday, Geraci said he decided to get the photographs, about 100 in all, developed quickly. "I wanted to see if he, Bremer, was here," Geraci said.

By using a magnifying glass to examine the crowd shots, Geraci said he found Bremer in one photo. "Bremer appears to be about one-third of the way back in the crowd," he said.

Geraci said he compared the man in the May 11 photo with newspaper pictures of the man at the Wheaton rally on May 15. In both photos, the man had blond hair, an open jacket and the same facial features, he said.

A Traffic Ticket

- A month before the shooting in Laurel, a man identified as Bremer was placed in New York State by police who stopped him for speeding on an interstate highway about 20 miles from the Pennsylvania state line.

On April 15, state trooper Paul F. Mitchell charged Bremer with driving 75 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone on Interstate Route 81 near the town of Barker, N.Y. Bremer was alone in the car and said he was unemployed, a state police spokesman said.

The man presented identification indicating he was Bremer and that he lived in the 2400 block of Michigan Avenue in Milwaukee, Wis.

The ticket was returnable April 25 before Town Justice Theodore R. Gruesbeck but no reply was received, the spokesman said.

Trooper Joseph Aston, of the nearby Binghamton state police headquarters, said no search of Bremer's Rambler sedan was made at the time because the motorist did not look suspicious.

The state police report said that Bremer was headed south, toward Pennsylvania, at the time he was stopped, but it gave no indication of the reason for the direction.

Pennsylvania's presidential primary was scheduled April 25, 10 days later.

- Among other items found in the car was a May 3 letter from Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis.

Bremer had written to Reuss in response to a questionnaire sent to all 5th District constituents, a member of the Reuss staff was quoted as saying yesterday.

A story in today's Milwaukee Sentinel said Bremer had signed his name to the questionnaire and added a few more comments. "It was learned that he had written to Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., urging Reuss to 'cut the god damned military spending, and to get rid of the generals,'" the paper said.

'Sealed Envelope'

The FBI began its search of Bremer's car at 11:59 a.m. Tuesday. The county police started its search at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday.

In addition to the gun, county police found a parking lot ticket, not further identified, and "one white sealed envelope with 5c and 1c stamps with water marks and mud on same."

The county also reported to the circuit court that they had taken custody of the car itself. The FBI listed 11 pages of

items it had taken from Bremer's car under a federal search warrant issued in U.S. District Court in Baltimore. The FBI list was filed with the court late Wednesday.

The list gave some indication that another gun may have been in Bremer's possession. FBI agents reported finding in the car "3 clips for automatic in green paper sack marked 'Kohls,' a Wisconsin food chain.

The FBI had no official comment on the discovery of the automatic.

Principal officials handling the case jointly announced that they would make no further public statements about the case after a two-hour meeting late yesterday in the office of Prince Georges States Attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr.

The meeting was attended by Maryland U.S. Attorney George Beall; Deputy U.S. Attorney Paul Kramer; Special Agent Thomas Farrow, head of the Baltimore Office of the FBI; county Police Chief Roland Switzer; and county police Col. John Rhodes, Capt. James Ross, and Lt. Joseph Vasco.

Marshall appeared a bit piqued as the meeting broke up, and there was some indication that the jurisdictional dispute, reported earlier this week in The Star, had been discussed.

"We are going ahead with prosecution. They are going ahead with prosecution," Marshall said. Both Marshall and Beall said the county and federal cases would be presented to the respective grand juries on Tuesday.

Prince Georges has much of the physical evidence in the case, but the federal government has custody of Bremer.

Lived in Car

In its court papers, the FBI reported finding suitcases, clothing, pillows and blanket, personal grooming items, an eating and drinking utensil, supporting the theory that

Bremer had been living in the car since leaving his Milwaukee apartment.

The FBI also reported taking from the car "1 McGovern campaign flier from outside left of windshield." It apparently had been placed there by a McGovern worker, possibly during the Wallace rally.

They also reported finding one Wallace campaign poster; a tape recorder; "various" pages of lined notebook paper containing "miscellaneous items, binoculars, GOP campaign buttons and two books."

The books were "RFK Must Die," by Robert Kaiser, who questions the investigation of the killing of Robert F. Kennedy, and one on Sirhan B. Sirhan, Kennedy's assassin.

Gun Company's License Unsure

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Casanova Guns Inc., the Milwaukee firm that sold a .38-caliber pistol to Arthur H. Bremer, has been fighting with the Treasury for three years to try to keep its license.

Treasury officials have said the pistol was used in the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace on Monday at a Laurel, Md., shopping center. The weapon was traced to Casanova through official records, showing that Bremer bought it Jan. 13.

Casanova was turned down in 1969 when it tried to renew a license it had obtained in 1967.

Under government regulations, a firm which had a license may continue to operate while it attempts to get a court ruling allowing it to keep the license.

Letter to Supreme Court

Casanova filed a license case in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee on Sept. 11, 1969. To date, it has lost both in district court and in the 7th U.S. Court of Appeals.

By coincidence, an appeal of Casanova to the Supreme Court arrived at the court by all late Monday, a few hours after the shooting at Laurel. Casanova asked the justices

to rule that it had not tried to "circumvent" the federal firearms licensing law, and thus is entitled to have its license renewed. The justices probably will not act on the appeal until next month, and may not act on it until the new court term beginning in October.

Meanwhile, the Treasury has been conducting a new inquiry into Casanova to determine whether its sale of the pistol to Bremer was a legal transaction. An "initial reading" of the investigation's results is that the sale was lawful, a Treasury spokesman said yesterday.

Casanova Guns, a major firm among more than a dozen firearms dealers in Milwaukee, was created in 1967 after the firm of Casanova's Inc. was charged with illegally possessing unregistered firearms.

Casanova's Inc. pleaded guilty to that charge, and was fined \$500. Before that fine was imposed, Casanova Guns was incorporated, under the control of John P. Casanova, who had been vice president of Casanova's Inc.

The two firms operated in the same building in Milwaukee, and Casanova Guns took over the complete inventory of guns and ammunition from Casanova's Inc. in April 1969.

Bremer Seen With Others In Weeks Before Shooting

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MILWAUKEE — Arthur H. Bremer, the accused assailant of Gov. George C. Wallace, took three mysterious ferry rides across Lake Michigan during the period he apparently followed Wallace's campaign trail.

A ferry manager in Milwaukee says a swarthy, well-dressed man who boasted about politics appeared with Bremer to arrange the first trip.

Bremer, 21, is charged with shooting Wallace on May 15. Mounting evidence indicates he followed the Alabama governor for more than two months.

Records of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in Milwaukee show that Bremer took the C&O ferry from Milwaukee to Ludington, Mich., on April 9 and May 9. Records in Ludington show he made the 97-mile trip in the opposite direction on April 28.

Third Man Mentioned

The C&O ferry trainmaster, Earl S. Nunnery, told the Associated Press he recalls that Bremer and a man who appeared to be of Greek descent made arrangements for the ferry trips.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Arthur H. Bremer sank from sight here in the first week of May, either to head eastward in his littered car or to go underground in the Midwest. The date of May 3 is the best estimate his nodding acquaintances at the low-rent Milwaukee apartment where he lived can give for Bremer's departure date.

The date is fixed by Mrs. Delores Wasche, 24, wife of the manager of the apartment in the working-class 2400 block of Michigan Avenue, because of a row of tulips she planted in the space where Bremer habitually parked his car.

She remembered delaying the planting, first planned for the last days of April, because Bremer's blue American Motors car was "parked almost on top of my garden," alongside a narrow strip of earth in the concrete rear area of the brick apartment building.

Mrs. Wasche noted that Bremer's rent is paid up until the end of this month, but the building's landlord, R. C. Wilhelm, of Milwaukee, refused to comment. Bremer's payments of about \$138 per month went directly to Wilhelm, Mrs. Wasche said.

Mrs. Wasche added that the car no longer occupied its usual place after the first few days of May. She said she had a distinct recollection of Bremer "walking out to his car" about the third.

Bremer has been charged by federal and Prince Georges County, Md., authorities with shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and others during an election campaign rally Monday in Laurel, Md. Authorities have not suggested a motive for the attack.

Bremer's auto was ripped to pieces by Prince Georges County police yesterday behind the county police academy at Forestville, Md., in a search for clues. The car already had been searched exhaustively by federal agents Tuesday.

A third person was traveling with the men but did not enter the ferry office, Nunnery said. This was the first report that Bremer had had companions in the weeks preceding the shooting. Acquaintances have described him as a solitary, virtually friendless figure.

The Baltimore Sun, meanwhile, reported that on April 15, Bremer checked into the Sheraton Motor Inn in New Carrollton, Md., a 15-minute drive from the Laurel Shopping Center where Wallace was shot one month later.

Political Conversation

The Sun said Bremer stayed three days and tried to check in again the weekend before the shooting but was told the motel was filled.

Nunnery said Bremer's companion at the ferry office talked excitedly about moving a political campaign from Wisconsin to Michigan, but never named a candidate.

"This is what made the whole thing so impressive on me — the Greek telling me how hard he's working in this field," Nunnery said. "It sounded like he was taking a whole group from Wisconsin to Michigan. Some were going to drive and some fly."

"Within a day or two of the appearance to arrange the fer-

ry trip, Bremer registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City and was there April 7-8, according to hotel records.

By the evening of April 9, Bremer was back in Milwaukee in time to catch the 8:15 p.m. ferry for the six-hour trip to Ludington. Ferry records list his name and the license number of his car, now impounded in Maryland.

Records on the Ludington side of Lake Michigan list Bremer as returning to Milwaukee on the 8:07 p.m. ferry April 28.

Between these two ferry trips — on April 15 — Bremer was ticketed for speeding in Binghamton, N.Y.

On May 9, Bremer took his third ferry trip, arriving in Ludington about noon.

He was spotted at midday the following day in Cadillac, Mich., 72 miles from Ludington, where Wallace spoke at an evening rally.

After another apparently quick trip over hundreds of miles, Bremer turned up, according to photographs and an eyewitness, at a Wallace rally in Landover, Md., on May 11. Two days later, he was spotted and identified from photographs at another Wallace event in Kalamazoo, Mich., and on May 15, he was arrested at the Laurel, Md., shopping center where Wallace was shot.

The paraphernalia seized from the dented car has fueled speculation Bremer used the auto as a traveling home during the time he was underground before the attempt on Wallace's life.

FBI agents reported finding clothes, books about assassins, numerous road maps, and a mass of personal writings in the car, according to a search warrant report filed with U.S. magistrate Clarence Goetz in Baltimore yesterday.

Goetz said today the report held six pages of items, including the books "RFK Must Die" and "Sirhan" both checked out of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Maps, Campaign Materials

Also included were 13 road maps, a U.S. road atlas, GOP campaign buttons, flyers for Sen. George McGovern and one Wallace poster.

"There was a suitcase and clothes and some personal items," Goetz recalls.

A newspaper in Cocoa, Fla., reported today Bremer may have been in Florida when Wallace campaigned there in February.

Authorities investigating the Wallace shooting have said they were working on the theory Bremer "stalked" Wallace in several states, and witnesses have told of seeing Bremer at several Wallace functions before the Laurel event.

Several persons at a food store in Grant, Fla., told the Cocoa newspaper they recalled seeing a man resembling Bremer on Feb. 20 at a seafood festival attended by Hubert H. Humphrey. Wallace was invited but did not attend, according to the copyrighted story in the paper "Today in Cocoa."

Bremer's last appearance at his job at Story Elementary School in Milwaukee, where he worked as a janitor's assistant, was more than three months ago, but fellow tenants at his apartment said he continued to live there after leaving the job. He was seen at least twice in the Midwest in March.

Suspect Followed Wallace Campaign

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at a Laurel, Md., campaign rally Monday.

Bremer, 21, is accused of firing at least four shots into Wallace at "point blank" range, and wounding three other persons. He was being held in Baltimore in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

Indictment Expected

Arthur A. Marshall Jr., Prince Georges County state's attorney, today said charges of attempted murder will be presented to a county grand jury Tuesday, and Marshall said he anticipates an indictment.

However, he said that Bremer will not be brought to Upper Marlboro for the presentation immediately, "basically because of security and also because it is not necessary."

An attempted murder charge in Maryland carries a maximum sentence of death.

Bremer has been charged under a federal civil rights act violation in connection with the shooting of Wallace, and with assault of a federal officer in the wounding of the Secret Service agent.

Trial in 6 Weeks?

"We'll go ahead with our case and they'll (federal authorities) will go ahead with theirs," Marshall said.

He said that Bremer could be brought to trial within four to six weeks, depending on motions and preliminaries.

Marshall noted that "we've insisted" that Bremer remain in Maryland, though he is in federal custody.

FBI sources said investigators were considering several possible theories for the crime, but that no single possible motive had emerged as the more likely. They said there was still no indication that more than one person was involved.

Items found in Bremer's rented apartment in Milwaukee seemed to imply that an assault could have been planned for some time, but this material so far has not pointed to any single explanation, officials said.

"The stuff would support either the theory of the lone nut, or the hired killer," one official commented. Officials hoped they could learn more as they questioned Wallace workers about Bremer.

Campaign Activity

Bremer has been connected with the following Wallace campaign activities:

- A Wallace campaign worker in Milwaukee, Clyde Vultree, said yesterday he could positively identify Bremer as a man sitting in the third row of an organizational meeting in Milwaukee March 7. Vultree made the identification after viewing a television film of the session, attended by about 30 persons.

- Vultree also said he recalled seeing Bremer at another Milwaukee organizational meeting in March, although he was unsure of the date of that session.

- Bremer walked into the Silver Spring Wallace headquarters last week and volunteered to help in the campaign, according to Mrs. Janet Petrone, Maryland State Coordinator for Women for Wallace.

- Police in Kalamazoo, Mich., identified Bremer as a man they had questioned as a

"suspicious person" prior to the start of a Wallace Rally Saturday. He was questioned but not arrested.

- Star Reporter William Taaffe said he saw Bremer at a Wallace rally in Wheaton about 11:45 a.m. Monday, as he was interviewing persons in the crowd. Mrs. Petrone also said she saw Bremer at Wheaton Plaza and talked with him.

- The sixth Wallace function attended by Bremer, was the Laurel rally later Monday.

There were also unconfirmed reports that Bremer had attended another Milwaukee rally in April and a New York rally in which Wallace recently appeared.

Federal investigators also were questioning Wallace supporters, and checking with police officials in Cambridge, Salisbury, Frederick, Baltimore, Hagerstown, and Cumberland, Md., where other Wallace rallies were held, for any possible identification of Bremer.

Star checks with Wallace officials and state and local police could turn up no reports that Bremer was seen at any of these other Maryland rallies.

Arrived Early

Bremer's appearances at the rallies also reflected another pattern, his habit of showing up early for the campaign functions.

Police in Kalamazoo said Bremer was questioned as a "suspicious person" after they received a complaint about a person sitting in a parked car near the Kalamazoo Armory where the Wallace rally was to be held.

Bremer was questioned for about five minutes, his 1968 two-door Rambler was checked for ownership, and a check was made to see if Bremer was wanted by the authorities, police said. It was decided that no charge was warranted.

"The officer asked him what he was doing," a police official said. "It was raining and the man said he was waiting for the rally to start." Police said Bremer's encounter with them was more than an hour before the Wallace rally began.

Taaffe said that when he arrived at the Wheaton rally about 11:45 a.m. Monday, Bremer was already there. "The rally was scheduled to begin at noon," he said. "Bremer was right up against the rope in front of the podium."

'Same Routine'

"After the Wheaton rally, I drove to Laurel, where the second rally was to be held," Taaffe said. "I got there at 2:15 p.m. and the rally was scheduled to begin at 3. Bremer was already there when I arrived."

"He was right up in front again, just as in Wheaton. He had the same silly grin on his face."

"He went through the same routine in both places; rocking his head to the music and laughing in a forced way at the same jokes by Gov. Wallace."

FBI agents yesterday were studying a blue 1968 Rambler found on the parking lot of the Laurel Shopping Center after the shooting. There was speculation that Bremer had used his car to live in since he was last seen in Milwaukee about a month ago.